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SUBJ: MILITARY SALES

REF : BELGRADE 3406

1. IN CONVERSATIONS ON PRESIDENTIAL VISIT BRITISH AMBASSADOR STEWART INDICATED TO ME THAT UK HAS BEEN SELLING SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO YUGOSLAVIA. STEWART FEELS THAT BRITISH AT THIS POINT ARE PREPARED TO SELL YUGOSLAVS VIRTUALLY ANYTHING THEY HAVE (THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE US APPROVAL) AND NOTED UK'S GREATER COMMERCIAL STAKE IN MATTER THAN US. APPARENTLY DEFENSE MINISTER LJUBICIC'S SHIPPING LIST PRESENTED RECENTLY IN LONDON (REFTEL) INCLUDED A WIDE VARIETY OF NAVAL EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, STEWART SAID THAT FOR POLITICAL REASONS, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE USG SELL MORE AND FOR THAT REASON WAS DELIGHTED WITH PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT.

2. APPARENTLY YUGOSLAVS WENT TO BRITISH IN EARNEST TO OBTAIN BRITISH RADAR EQUIPMENT AFTER 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR WHEN THEY BECAME FRIGHTENED THAT THEIR RADAR DID ADEQUATELY DETECT SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS.

3. COMMENT: STEWART EVIDENCED SOME AMBIVALENCE AS TO WHETHER BRITISH OR US SHOULD GET MAJOR YUGOSLAV ORDERS  
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FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT, SINCE HE IS CLEARLY UNDER SOME

PRESSURE FOR COMMERCIAL SALES. HOWEVER, I CONSIDER IT NOTE-  
WORTHY THAT THIS VERY EXPERIENCED OBSERVER OF YUGOSLAV SCENE,  
NOTWITHSTANDING, SAID THAT FOR POLITICAL REASONS HE VERY MUCH  
WANTS TO SEE THE US MORE ACTIVE IN THIS FIELD.  
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